Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 13 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Monday 14 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 12 Dec 2020 at 14:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Fairly high for the general weather, lower for cloud detail, and low generally from Wednesday.

Headline for Sunday 13 Dec 2020: Cloudy with patchy rain and summit snow, heavy for a time later. Hill fog, gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 13 Dec 2020

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Drizzle	Light rain	Dull	Sleet	Dull	Heavy snow	Sleet	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
30%	40%	20%	30%	20%	70%	30%	50%

Forecast for Sunday 13 Dec 2020

Weather: Mostly cloudy overnight and in the morning, with some hill fog and occasional mainly light rain with snow above 1000m, though it will be mainly dry north of the Cairngorms with a few breaks in the cloud. A spell of heavier rain and snow arriving in the early afternoon the snow level briefly dipping to 800m with chance of blizzards over the tops. The rain turning showery after dark the showers now of rain at all levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% in morning but 10% through the afternoon with extensive cloud and chances only improving slightly in the evening.

Visibility: Often moderate or poor in rain and very poor above the snowline though liable to be in the cloud at that height anyway.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/35 SE	31/41 SE	36/46 SE	43/55 SE	45/59 SE	49/65 SE	37/51 SE	31/43 SE	32/45 SE
900	24/30 SE	28/34 SE	29/36 SE	42/53 SE	48/61 SE	52/67 SE	38/51 SE	33/42 S	34/44 S
600	9/13 SE	12/16 SE	10/15 NE	16/26 S	20/33 SE	30/44 SE	21/33 S	22/33 S	21/32 S
300	4/9 E	3/7 E	6/12 E	7/12 SE	8/14 E	11/21 NE	11/20 E	9/23 S	10/24 S
Glen	2/7 E	2/12 S	3/12 SE	4/17 S	7/24 S	7/23 S	4/15 S	3/12 SW	3/15 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-9	-2/-10	-2/-12	-3/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-3/-12	-2/-10	-1/-9
900	1/-5	1/-6	1/-7	0/-8	-0/-10	2/-7	2/-6	2/-4	2/-4
600	3/-1	3/-1	3/-1	2/-3	2/-4	2/-4	3/-2	4/-1	5/-0
300	3/1	4/2	4/2	4/1	5/2	4/1	5/1	5/2	6/2
Glen	3/2	4/2	4/3	5/3	5/2	6/2	5/2	5/3	6/4
Freezing Level*	1200m	1100m	1000m	900m	800m	900m	1100m	1500m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Summit winds could reach 70-80mph in the afternoon with very poor conditions developing.

Forecast for Monday 14 Dec 2020
Weather: A mostly cloudy day with occasional showers and limited brighter intervals the best of these towards Strathdon. Showers generally of rain but turning increasingly to snow above 900m in the evening though will be more isolated by then.

Maximum wind: Southerly 35 gusts 45mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, still a lot of cloud on the tops.

Visibility: Moderate or good, but falling occasionally poor in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius falling to Plus 2.
Freezing level: Above the summits, falling to 1100m in evening.

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